February 26	Temperature				Precipitation		
v	mean max	mean min	record max highest / lowest (year)	record min highest / lowest (year)	mean	record highest (year)	chance
San Diego	66	52	87 (1926) / 55 (1911)	58 (1995) / 38 (1894)	0.08	1.14 (1902)	24%
Santa Ana	70	49	90 (1921) / 53 (1937)	56 (1995) / 28 (1935)	0.10	1.98 (2004)	19%
Riverside	69	44	87 (1986) / 52 (1962)	56 (1968) / 27 (1935)	0.08	0.67 (1937)	21%
Escondido	70	45	90 (1956) / 53 (1937)	60 (1956) / 29 (1900)	0.12	1.30 (2004)	28%
Big Bear Lake	49	23	69 (1986) / 23 (1996)	34 (1978) / 11 (1973)	0.16	0.85 (1969)	24%
Idyllwild	55	28	76 (1986) / 29 (1996)	40 (1988) / 16 (1987)	0.18	1.45 (1983)	25%
Palomar Mountain	53	36	75 (1965) / 29 (1987)	50 (1989) / 19 (1962)	0.23	3.88 (1996)	21%
Victorville	65	35	82 (1986) / 43 (1987)	48 (1978) / 17 (1945)	0.05	0.58 (2001)	14%
Palm Springs	76	49	99 (1986) / 54 (1944)	65 (1986) / 33 (1987)	0.03	0.95 (2001)	9%
Borrego Springs	74	46	95 (1989) / 56 (2001)	67 (1989) / 33 (1971)	0.05	1.54 (1991)	15%

Mean temperatures and precipitation based on 1971-2000 normals. The year given is the year of latest occurrence.

Periods of record: San Diego temperature: 1872, precipitation: 1850. Santa Ana temperature: 1916, precipitation: 1906. Riverside: 1924. Escondido: 1900. Big Bear Lake: 1960. Idyllwild: 1943. Palomar Mountain: 1938. Victorville: 1917. Palm Springs temperature: 1917, precipitation: 1906. Borrego Springs temperature: 1965, precipitation: 1942.

On this day in...

1996: A storm that started on 2.25 and ended on 2.28 produced 0.5 to 1.5 inches of rainfall in coastal areas. Snowfall of ten inches was recorded at Idyllwild, two inches in Yucaipa and even a dusting in Hemet and Corona. One to two feet of snow fell in the higher mountains and up to six inches fell in the high desert.

1986: It was 99° in Palm Springs, the highest temperature on record for February. This also occurred on 2.27.1986. **1983**: Heavy rain that started on 2.24 and ended on 2.28 brought extensive street flooding. This was the start of nine consecutive days (the most on record) of measurable precipitation in San Diego which ended on 3.6. This also occurred on 2.13-21.1980 and 2.5-13.1978. Damage was done to 30 cars and an apartment building in Anaheim. **1969**: Heavy rain starting on 2.16 ended on this day. Up to 30 inches of precipitation fell on the south slopes of Mt. San Gorgonio, 13 inches was recorded northwest of Mt. San Jacinto, around ten inches at Banning, less than one inch in eastern Coachella Valley. The death and destruction continued from the previous month. 21 died from flooding and mud slides all over California. An entire family was killed in Mt. Baldy Village when a mud slide hit their home.

Extensive damage hit crops, farmland and livestock. Creeks around Yucaipa all left their banks and substantial flooding occurred to residences and businesses. In the upper desert farmlands became lakes and more than 100 homes along the Mojave River were damaged. Roads and bridges recently repaired from previous month's damage either washed out or were destroyed again.

1962: A very wet period for Southern California that started on 2.7 ended on this day. More than 20 inches of precipitation fell in the wettest mountain locations. 20 were killed and 15 were injured in flooding, mud slides. There were property damage, trees down, and boats damaged.

1944: 19 inches of snow fell in Idyllwild, the greatest daily snowfall on record for February, and the second greatest snowfall on record.